

Floriculture

Wholesale value of Maryland floriculture crops totaled \$52,778,000 in 2000, up 17 percent from \$44,988,000 total sales in 1999. Bedding/Garden plants accounted for the largest portion of that total, reaching \$43,795,000 in 2000. Potted flowering plants contributed \$7,044,000, and propagative materials added another \$1,939,000.

There were 147 growers in 2000, down from 153 in 1999. The covered growing area declined by 31 percent, from 5,587 in 1999 to 3,861 in 2000. Uncovered production area increased from 93 acres to 125 acres.

Maryland Floriculture Crops: Wholesale Value of Sales by Category for Operations with \$100,000 + Sales

Category	Wholesale Value of Sales ¹				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
1,000 Dollars					
Potted Flowering Plants	5,754	6,403	7,522	6,843	7,044
Total Bedding/Garden and Herbaceous Perennial Plants	21,534	24,666	37,882	38,145	43,795
Annual Bedding/Garden Plants ²	---	---	---	---	36,304
Herbaceous Perennial Plants ²	---	---	---	---	7,491
Propagative Materials ²	---	---	---	---	1,939
Other Crops	651	2,798	2,011	---	---
Maryland Total³	27,939	33,867	47,415	44,988	52,778

¹ Equivalent wholesale value of all sales.

² Data series began in 2000

³ Total data for 2000 are not comparable with earlier years, total sales of propagative materials were added in 2000.

Maryland Bedding Plants: Quantity Sold and Wholesale Value of Sales by Category for Operations with \$100,000 + Sales, 2000

Category	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Value of Sales
	1,000 Flats	1,000 Dollars
Geranium from Vegetative Cuttings, Flats	6	42
Impatiens, Flats	127	992
Marigolds, Flats	14	124
Pansy / Viola, Flats	68	639
Petunia, Flats	119	902
Other Flowering & Foliar Type Bedding Plants, Flats	417	3,111
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants Flats	74	567

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